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Big Billion Startup: The Untold Flipkart Story Jul 24 2022

The definitive account of India's biggest startup that redefined e-commerce, entrepreneurship and the way we shop and live. IIT graduates Sachin Bansal and Binny Bansal founded out of a Bangalore apartment what would become India's biggest e-commerce startup. Established in October 2007, Flipkart began as an online bookstore

and soon came to be known for its 'customer obsession'. As the startup's reputation grew, so did its value, with venture capitalists in India and abroad lining up to invest heavily in the company that stood for bold ambition, unabashed consumerism and the virtues of technology. Investigative journalist Mihir Dalal recounts the astounding story of how the Bansals built Flipkart into a multi-billion-dollar

powerhouse in the span of a few years and made internet entrepreneurship a desirable occupation. But it is also a story of big money, power and hubris, as both business and interpersonal complexities weakened the founders' control over their creation and forced them to sell out to a retailer whose dominance they had once dreamt of emulating. Flipkart's auction involved some of the corporate

world's biggest names, from Jeff Bezos, Satya Nadella, Sundar Pichai to Masayoshi Son and Doug McMillon, an ironic testimony to the strength of what the Bansals had forged. Based on extraordinary research, extensive interviews and deep access to key characters in the Flipkart story, Big Billion Startup is the riveting and revealing account of how Sachin and Binny Bansal built and sold India's largest internet company.

Kill Six Billion Demons Book 1

Nov 23 2019 In this collection of the first story arc of the popular webcomic Kill Six Billion Demons, sorority sister Allison Ruth

must travel to Throne, the ancient city at the center of the multiverse, in an epic bid to save her boyfriend from the clutches of the seven evil kings that rule creation. Includes excerpts from in-universe religious texts, stories, and more **Life** Sep 14 2021 Discover the greatest story ever told: the story of life on our planet, from the big bang to the dinosaurs and beyond. Before humans took their first steps, there were billions of years of vibrant and varied life on earth. Discover the fascinating story of our planet, from the formation of the universe to the first mammals, and all the incredible life that flourished in-

between. Covering ice ages and fossils, life in the teeming primeval seas and the first life on land, the time of the dinosaurs and the rise of the mammals, Martin Jenkins navigates through millions of years of prehistory in enthralling and accessible style. With art from illustrator Grahame Baker Smith, this is a captivating journey through the life of our planet before we called it ours.

One in a Billion Aug 25 2022 "Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists Mark Johnson and Kathleen Gallagher chronicle the story of a young boy with a never-before-seen disease and the doctors who take a bold step into the

future of medicine to save him"--Page 4 of cover

China's Urban

Billion Oct 27 2022

By 2030, China's cities will be home to 1 billion people - one in every eight people on earth.

What kind of lives will China's urban billion lead? And what will China's cities be like? Over the past thirty years, China's urban population expanded by 500 million people, and is on track to swell by a further 300 million by 2030.

Hundreds of millions of these new urban residents are rural migrants, who lead second-class lives without access to urban benefits. Even those lucky citizens who live in modern tower

blocks must put up with clogged roads, polluted skies and cityscapes of unremitting ugliness. The rapid expansion of urban China is astonishing, but new policies are urgently needed to create healthier cities. Combining on-the-ground reportage and up-to-date research, this pivotal book explains why China has failed to reap many of the economic and social benefits of urbanization, and suggests how these problems can be resolved. If its leaders get urbanization right, China will surpass the United States and cement its position as the world's largest economy. But if

they get it wrong, China could spend the next twenty years languishing in middle-income torpor, its cities pockmarked by giant slums.

The Deep History of Ourselves Jan 06

2021 Longlisted for the PEN/E.O.

Wilson Literary Science Writing

Award A leading neuroscientist

offers a history of the evolution of the brain from

unicellular organisms to the

complexity of animals and human beings today

Renowned neuroscientist

Joseph LeDoux digs into the natural

history of life on earth to provide a

new perspective on the similarities

between us and our ancestors in deep

time. This page-turning survey of the whole of terrestrial evolution sheds new light on how nervous systems evolved in animals, how the brain developed, and what it means to be human. In *The Deep History of Ourselves*, LeDoux argues that the key to understanding human behavior lies in viewing evolution through the prism of the first living organisms. By tracking the chain of the evolutionary timeline he shows how even the earliest single-cell organisms had to solve the same problems we and our cells have to solve each day. Along the way, LeDoux explores our place in nature, how the evolution

of nervous systems enhanced the ability of organisms to survive and thrive, and how the emergence of what we humans understand as consciousness made our greatest and most horrendous achievements as a species possible. *Two Billion Eyes* May 22 2022 As China navigates the murky waters of a “third way” with liberal economic policies under a strict political regime, the surprising battleground for China's future emerges in the country's highest rated television network—China Central Television, or CCTV. With 16 internationally broadcast channels

and over 1.2 billion viewers, CCTV is a powerhouse in conveying Chinese news and entertainment. The hybrid nature of the network has also transformed it into an unexpected site of discourse in a country that has little official space for negotiation. While CCTV programming is state sponsored—and censored—the popularity and profit of the station are determined by the people. And as the Chinese Communist Party seeks to exert its own voice on domestic and international affairs, the prospect of finding an amenable audience becomes increasingly

paramount. Through a series of interviews with a fascinating cast of power players including a director of a special topic program that incited the 1989 student movement, current and past presidents of CCTV, and producers at the frontline of the network's rapidly evolving role in Chinese culture, celebrated media analyst Ying Zhu unlocks a doorway to political power that has long been shrouded in mystery.

China's Urban Billion Jun 23 2022
Box 5.4 Tianjin: scrubbing up
Box 5.5 Zhengzhou: the beauty in the beast;
6 A Billion Wallets: What China's New Urbanites Will and Won't Buy; Box 6.1

Want not, waste not; Box 6.2 Village life; Conclusion: Civilizing the Cities; Bibliography; Sources in English; Sources in Chinese; Index.

The Night of the First Billion Feb 25 2020 Set in Geneva, Switzerland, around the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon, this intricately plotted novel probes the emotional misfortunes of Arab men and women fleeing the horror of war only to find their ways of life constantly challenged by their foreign surroundings. The author's scalding critique of the Lebanese situation resonates with strong sociopolitical issues. Here are

telling portraits of class oppression and the role of women in Arab society, the treatments of war and sexuality, of immigration, of cultural assimilation and nationalism. Far from home and out of harm's way, Samman's Lebanese exiles repeat and replay the same conflicts that tormented them in their own land even as it is under siege. The *Night of the First Billion* is a reminder that the only genuine security is to be found in the courageous willingness to confront, challenge, and finally to ease suffering.

Building a Billion
Aug 01 2020 John

McCarthy MBE, of McCarthy & Stone, is a self-made multimillionaire. He and his family have been long-term members of The Times Rich List. One of the best examples of the self-made man, John started working life at fifteen as a "chippy". Every venture he has embarked on, he has achieved with drive and success. His legendary reputation is as the most successful builder of retirement homes across Europe. He has also built and skippered winning ocean-racing yachts. He has owned and run a top polo team. He became a big game hunter and avid game bird shooter,

underwater diver, skier and squash player. He makes other septuagenarians look really old. In this book John McCarthy recounts his fascinating life story so far. But these are not just the interesting memoirs of a successful man. John's tussles with bankers and lawyers, planners and politicians, Government red tape and political autocracy, competitors and recalcitrant employees tell a story that has real relevance to all aspiring entrepreneurs in whatever field of endeavour. John McCarthy's rules of engagement and how to build a billion pound

company are as topical now as they were when he did it.

One in a Billion

Sep 26 2022 This heart-wrenching story immerses readers in the dramatic survival of one outspoken man who illuminates the souls of a billion ordinary Chinese citizens. An Wei—a stubborn, hardworking peasant who has lived by his values and stood up for his convictions—has succeeded against all odds in the authoritarian environment of China. Despite grinding poverty, hunger, reeducation campaigns, and attacks from jealous peers, An Wei continues to inspire with his daring

achievements, such as launching a democratic congress in his own village. His compelling life provides a vivid backdrop for understanding the development of modern China from the unique perspective of an outspoken citizen. Through his audacious determination and survival skills forged in rural poverty, An Wei's unstoppable drive to improve himself and rural China will captivate and enthrall readers. Her website can be found at <https://nancypine.in> fo/

The First Billion

Feb 19 2022 When Jett Gavallan, a former military pilot and now the

head of Black Jet Securities, becomes involved in a deal to bring a top Russian media company to the New York Stock Exchange, he uncovers information that the company may not be what it seems.

The Next Billion

Users Mar 08 2021

Why do citizens of states with strict surveillance care so little about their digital privacy?

Why do Brazilians eschew geo-tagging on social media?

What drives young Indians to friend "foreign" strangers on Facebook and give "missed calls" to people? Payal Arora answers

these questions and many more about the internet's next billion users.

One Billion

Americans Mar 20

2022 NATIONAL BESTSELLER What would actually make America great: more people. If the most challenging crisis in living memory has shown us anything, it's that America has lost the will and the means to lead. We can't compete with the huge population clusters of the global marketplace by keeping our population static or letting it diminish, or with our crumbling transit and unaffordable housing. The winner in the future world is going to have more—more ideas, more ambition, more utilization of resources, more people. Exactly how many Americans do we need to win?

According to Matthew Yglesias, one billion. From one of our foremost policy writers, *One Billion Americans* is the provocative yet logical argument that if we aren't moving forward, we're losing. Vox founder Yglesias invites us to think bigger, while taking the problems of decline seriously. What really contributes to national prosperity should not be controversial: supporting parents and children, welcoming immigrants and their contributions, and exploring creative policies that support growth—like more housing, better transportation, improved education,

revitalized welfare, and climate change mitigation. Drawing on examples and solutions from around the world, Yglesias shows not only that we can do this, but why we must. Making the case for massive population growth with analytic rigor and imagination, *One Billion Americans* issues a radical but undeniable challenge: Why not do it all, and stay on top forever? [Blueprint to a Billion](#) Dec 05 2020 Praise for BLUEPRINT TO A BILLION "A wonderful, well thought out analysis of entrepreneurship and leadership of a growth company." —Howard Lester, Chairman,

Williams-Sonoma, Inc. "If you dream about growing your business to a billion, this is a fascinating down-to-earth study that you must read. Apply the seven essential principles to your business and you are off and running. Learn about strategy, growth, leadership, team building, and a whole lot more." —Joe Scarlett, Chairman of the Board, Tractor Supply Company "Blueprint to a Billion is a well-researched and thoughtfully written book that quantifies the growth pattern of America's highest growth companies." —Professor John Quelch, Senior Associate Dean, Harvard Business

School "Eighty percent of the top-performing stocks in the last twenty years were small entrepreneurial companies that had an IPO in the prior eight years.

Blueprint to a Billion tells you the seven key things these innovators did in common to become America's greatest growth companies."

—William J. O'Neil, Chairman and Founder Investor's Business Daily, www.investors.com "Thomson has written a masterful work that will catalyze, empower, inspire, motivate, and illuminate entrepreneurs, investors, and policymakers. The world needs this book and will profit from it in manifold

ways." —David M. Darst, Managing Director, Individual Investor Group Chief Investment Strategist, Morgan Stanley

His Billion-Dollar Dilemma Jun 30

2020 Simon Lamont is an ice-cold corporate pirate. He buys companies, strips them of their assets, and moves on. With money. Lots and lots of money. But when he arrives in San Francisco to acquire a floundering company and is accosted by a cute engineer with fire in her eyes, it takes all Simon has to maintain his legendary cool. Helen Winston has mastered hiding behind geeky clothes and an obsessive

dedication to her job. So what's with her desire for the arrogant-and sexy as sin-Simon Lamont? He may have only been wearing a towel when they met, but he's planning to destroy her company, and Helen will do whatever it takes to change his mind. If that means becoming the sexy woman Simon didn't know he wanted, so be it. If only she wasn't about to walk into her own trap... Each book in the Guide to Love series is a standalone, full-length story that can be enjoyed out of order. Series Order: Book #1 Played by the Billionaire Book #2 His Billion Dollar

Dilemma Book #3
Masquerading with
the Billionaire
**Billion Dollar
Loser** Aug 13 2021
A Wall Street
Journal Business
Bestseller: This
"vivid" inside story
of WeWork and its
CEO tells the
remarkable saga of
one of the most
audacious, and
improbable, rises
and falls in
American business
history (Ken
Auletta). Christened
a potential savior of
Silicon Valley's
startup culture,
Adam Neumann
was set to take
WeWork, his office
share company
disrupting the
commercial real
estate market,
public, cash out on
the company's
forty-seven billion
dollar valuation,
and break the

string of major
startups unable to
deliver to
shareholders. But
as employees knew,
and investors soon
found out,
WeWork's capital
was built on
promises that the
company was more
than a real estate
purveyor, that in
fact it was a
transformational
technology
company. Veteran
journalist Reeves
Weideman dives
deep into WeWork
and its CEO's
astronomical rise,
from the marijuana
and tequila-filled
board rooms to
cult-like company
summer camps and
consciousness-
raising with
Anthony Kiedis.
Billion Dollar Loser
is a character-
driven business
narrative that

captures, through
the fascinating
psyche of a
billionaire founder
and his wife and co-
founder, the
slippery state of
global capitalism. A
Wall Street Journal
Business Bestseller
"Vivid, carefully
reported drama
that readers will
gulp down as if it
were a fast-paced
novel" (Ken Auletta)
**The Goldilocks
Planet** Sep 02 2020
Presents a history
of climate to reveal
that the climatic
changes happening
hardly compare to
the changes the
Earth has seen over
the last 4.5 billion
years.
*A Billion Little
Pieces* Jan 26 2020
How RFID, a
ubiquitous but often
invisible mobile
technology,
identifies tens of

billions of objects as they move through the world. RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) is ubiquitous but often invisible, a mobile technology used by more people more often than any flashy smartphone app. RFID systems use radio waves to communicate identifying information, transmitting data from a tag that carries data to a reader that accesses the data. RFID tags can be found in credit cards, passports, key fobs, car windshields, subway passes, consumer electronics, tunnel walls, and even human and animal bodies—identifying tens of billions of

objects as they move through the world. In this book, Jordan Frith looks at RFID technology and its social impact, bringing into focus a technology that was designed not to be noticed. RFID, with its ability to collect unique information about almost any material object, has been hyped as the most important identification technology since the bar code, the linchpin of the Internet of Things—and also seen (by some evangelical Christians) as a harbinger of the end times. Frith views RFID as an infrastructure of identification that simultaneously functions as an infrastructure of

communication. He uses RFID to examine such larger issues as big data, privacy, and surveillance, giving specificity to debates about societal trends. Frith describes how RFID can monitor hand washing in hospitals, change supply chain logistics, communicate wine vintages, and identify rescued pets. He offers an accessible explanation of the technology, looks at privacy concerns, and pushes back against alarmist accounts that exaggerate RFID's capabilities. The increasingly granular practices of identification enabled by RFID and other identification

technologies, Frith argues, have become essential to the working of contemporary networks, reshaping the ways we use information.

8 Billion and Counting: How Sex, Death, and Migration Shape Our World Nov 16 2021 A provocative description of the power of population change to create the conditions for societal transformation. As the world nears 8 billion people, the countries that have led the global order since World War II are becoming the most aged societies in human history. At the same time, the world's poorest and least powerful countries are suffocating under an imbalance of

population and resources. In 8 Billion and Counting, political demographer Jennifer D. Sciubba argues that the story of the twenty-first century is less a story about exponential population growth, as the previous century was, than it is a story about differential growth—marked by a stark divide between the world's richest and poorest countries. Drawing from decades of research, policy experience, and teaching, Sciubba employs stories and statistics to explain how demographic trends, like age structure and ethnic composition, are crucial signposts for future

violence and peace, repression and democracy, poverty and prosperity. Although we have a diverse global population, demographic trends often follow predictable patterns that can help professionals across the corporate, nonprofit, government, and military sectors understand the global strategic environment. Through the lenses of national security, global health, and economics, Sciubba demonstrates the pitfalls of taking population numbers at face value and extrapolating from there. Instead, she argues, we must look at the forces in a society that amplify

demographic trends and the forces that dilute them, particularly political institutions, or the rules of the game. She shows that the most important skills in demographic analysis are naming and being aware of your preferences, rethinking assumptions, and asking the right questions. Provocative and engrossing, 8 Billion and Counting is required reading for business leaders, policy makers, and anyone eager to anticipate political, economic, and social risks and opportunities. A deeper understanding of fertility, mortality, and migration

promises to point toward the investments we need to make today to shape the future we want tomorrow.

Billion Dollar

Start-Up Jan 18

2022 It only took five years for two brothers-in-law to create a billion-dollar, award-winning, take-no-prisoners cannabis company called HEXO. How did they do it? That's the story. From early roadblocks and devastating personal and financial setbacks to explosive growth and some of the biggest cannabis deals in global history, Billion Dollar Start-Up not only recounts the HEXO story but the history of Canada's momentous road to legalization. In this

part fast-paced memoir, part high-octane business book, writer and journalist Julie Beun gives us an intimate look at the life of a start-up and the ferocious entrepreneurial drive it takes to succeed — written in real-time, as the story unfolded.

Throughout history, there have been fewer than 100 Canadians who have started a company and lived to see it become worth one billion dollars. Adam Miron and Sébastien St-Louis are two of them. This is their story.

[How to Turn Down a Billion Dollars](#)

Dec 29 2022 "In the grand tradition of Ben Mezrich's The Accidental Billionaires

(2009)... an engaging look into a fascinating subculture of millions." —Booklist "Breezy...How to Turn Down a Billion Dollars ably if uncritically chronicles the short history of a young company catering to young users, with a young chief executive, and reveals, intentionally or not, the limitations that come with that combination." —Wall Street Journal The improbable and exhilarating story of the rise of Snapchat from a frat boy fantasy to a multi-billion dollar internet unicorn that has dramatically changed the way we communicate. In 2013 Evan Spiegel,

the brash CEO of the social network Snapchat, and his co-founder Bobby Murphy stunned the press when they walked away from a three-billion-dollar offer from Facebook: how could an app teenagers use to text dirty photos dream of a higher valuation? Was this hubris, or genius? In How to Turn Down a Billion Dollars, tech journalist Billy Gallagher takes us inside the rise of one of Silicon Valley's hottest start-ups. Snapchat developed from a simple wish for disappearing pictures as Stanford junior Reggie Brown nursed regrets about photos he had sent. After an epic feud

between best friends, Brown lost his stake in the company, while Spiegel has gone on to make a name for himself as a visionary—if ruthless—CEO worth billions, linked to celebrities like Taylor Swift and his wife, Miranda Kerr. A fellow Stanford undergrad and fraternity brother of the company's founding trio, Gallagher has covered Snapchat from the start. He brings unique access to a company Bloomberg Business called "a cipher in the Silicon Valley technology community." Gallagher offers insight into challenges Snapchat faces as it

transitions from a playful app to one of the tech industry's preeminent public companies. In the tradition of great business narratives, *How to Turn Down a Billion Dollars* offers the definitive account of a company whose goal is no less than to remake the future of entertainment.

Billion Dollar Girl

Oct 15 2021

"LUMINOUS and FULL OF HEART, this book is a STUNNING GEM."

—Meg Cabot, #1 New York Times best-selling author of the *Princess Diaries* and *Airhead* series From the bestselling author behind Disney's *The Swap* comes a profoundly moving novel about one

girl's unforgettable journey to discover that life's true jackpot might not be what it seems. Full of joy and moxie, Billion Dollar Girl grabs hold and won't let go. River Ryland is the girl everyone wants to be around. But this brave 13-year-old has a secret that's getting harder and harder to hide: she lives mostly alone in a ramshackle, single-wide trailer with a mom who drops in and out of her life. After a visit from Social Services goes horribly wrong, longing for security, River sets off on the run. Soon, a case of mistaken identity gives River a chance to live a life that she had never even dreamed. But,

when her newfound safety is shattered, River discovers, against all odds—one in 307 million, to be exact—that life's true jackpot isn't anything that it seems. A simultaneously heart-wrenching and exhilarating exploration of what we value, suspenseful and wise, *Billion Dollar Girl* is a deeply-felt reminder that we are inexplicably intertwined; a hopeful story of our times.

Kill Six Billion Demons Vol. 4: King Of Swords

Sep 21 2019 In the fourth chapter of the popular webcomic *KILL SIX BILLION DEMONS*, heir to the multiverse Allison Ruth must grapple

with the limits to her own strength as she enters the world's deadliest multiversal fighting tournament in a desperate struggle against the god-king Solomon David.

The Billion Dollar

Book Feb 07 2021

Billion Dollar

Start-Up Dec 25

2019 Billion Dollar

Start-Up is the story of how two 29-year-old brothers-in-law took a \$35,000 investment and turned it into a billion-dollar cannabis company in five years. From early roadblocks and devastating personal and financial setbacks to explosive growth and some of the biggest cannabis deals in global history, Billion

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The Story of

Earth Mar 28 2020
Hailed by The New York Times for writing "with wonderful clarity about science . . . that effortlessly teaches as it zips along," nationally bestselling author Robert M. Hazen offers a radical new approach to Earth history in this intertwined tale of the planet's living and nonliving spheres. With an astrobiologist's imagination, a historian's perspective, and a naturalist's eye, Hazen calls upon twenty-first-century discoveries that have revolutionized geology and enabled scientists to envision Earth's many iterations in vivid detail—from the mile-high lava tides of its infancy

to the early organisms responsible for more than two-thirds of the mineral varieties beneath our feet. Lucid, controversial, and on the cutting edge of its field, *The Story of Earth* is popular science of the highest order. "A sweeping rip-roaring yarn of immense scope, from the birth of the elements in the stars to meditations on the future habitability of our world." -Science "A fascinating story." - Bill McKibben *A Billion Years* Oct 03 2020 A Gallery Book. Gallery Books has a great book for every reader. *The Big Score* Nov 04 2020 An investigative, behind-the-scenes

report on the semiconductor/computer industry traces the history of Silicon Valley and the electronics industry, and the entrepreneurs, innovations, industrial espionage, drug scene, and other realities of Silicon Valle [A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars](#) Jun 11 2021 "This picture book is one in a gazillion."--Jane O'Connor, the New York Times- bestselling author of the Fancy Nancy series Did you know that the earth is covered in three trillion trees? And that seven billion people weigh about the same as ten quadrillion ants? Our world is full of constantly changing numbers, from a

hundred billion trillion stars in space to thirty-seven billion rabbits on Earth. Can you imagine that many of anything? The playful illustrations from New York Times- bestselling artist Isabel Greenberg and the friendly, straightforward voice of author Seth Fishman illuminate some of the biggest numbers in the universe--a hundred billion trillion stars--and the smallest--one unique and special YOU. Here is a book for story time, for science time, for math time, for bedtime, and all the times in between. Perfect for curious children, classrooms eager for STEM content, and readers who

have devoured Ada Twist, Scientist and How Much Is a Million?

Billion Dollar

Whale Nov 28

2022 Named a Best Book of 2018 by the Financial Times and Fortune, this "thrilling" (Bill Gates) New York Times bestseller exposes how a "modern Gatsby" swindled over \$5 billion with the aid of Goldman Sachs in "the heist of the century" (Axios).

Now a #1 international bestseller, Billion Dollar Whale is "an epic tale of white-collar crime on a global scale" (Publishers Weekly), revealing how a young social climber from Malaysia pulled off one of the biggest heists in history. In

2009, a chubby, mild-mannered graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business named Jho Low set in motion a fraud of unprecedented gall and magnitude--one that would come to symbolize the next great threat to the global financial system. Over a decade, Low, with the aid of Goldman Sachs and others, siphoned billions of dollars from an investment fund--right under the nose of global financial industry watchdogs. Low used the money to finance elections, purchase luxury real estate, throw champagne-drenched parties, and even to finance Hollywood films

like The Wolf of Wall Street. By early 2019, with his yacht and private jet reportedly seized by authorities and facing criminal charges in Malaysia and in the United States, Low had become an international fugitive, even as the U.S. Department of Justice continued its investigation. Billion Dollar Whale has joined the ranks of Liar's Poker, Den of Thieves, and Bad Blood as a classic harrowing parable of hubris and greed in the financial world.

The Fastest Billion
Apr 21 2022 From the vantage point of many in the West, Africa remains a continent of woe -- a place stalked by ethnic conflict,

corrupt dictatorships, religious strife, war and famine. But today, at last, the flawed mythology that treats Africa as a homogenous disaster area is being challenged by investors, economists, fund managers and academics. Age is not often associated with speed; but Africa, the cradle of civilisation, now has more of the world's fastest-growing economies than any other. After a generation of relative stagnation in the late 20th Century, many in Africa have begun the long-awaited period of catch-up with the developed world. The bottom billion is becoming the fastest billion. This book, the work

of a group of African economists and highly respected analysts from Renaissance Capital, the leading emerging markets investment bank, aims to accelerate the world's realisation that Africa has no intention of allowing the coming decades to add up to an "Asian Century". Africa's day has arrived. [The Bottom Billion](#) Aug 21 2019 In the universally acclaimed and award-winning *The Bottom Billion*, Paul Collier reveals that fifty failed states--home to the poorest one billion people on Earth--pose the central challenge of the developing world in the twenty-first century. The book shines much-

needed light on this group of small nations, largely unnoticed by the industrialized West, that are dropping further and further behind the majority of the world's people, often falling into an absolute decline in living standards. A struggle rages within each of these nations between reformers and corrupt leaders--and the corrupt are winning. Collier analyzes the causes of failure, pointing to a set of traps that ensnare these countries, including civil war, a dependence on the extraction and export of natural resources, and bad governance. Standard solutions do not work, he writes; aid is often

ineffective, and globalization can actually make matters worse, driving development to more stable nations. What the bottom billion need, Collier argues, is a bold new plan supported by the Group of Eight industrialized nations. If failed states are ever to be helped, the G8 will have to adopt preferential trade policies, new laws against corruption, new international charters, and even conduct carefully calibrated military interventions. Collier has spent a lifetime working to end global poverty. In *The Bottom Billion*, he offers real hope for solving one of the great humanitarian

crises facing the world today. "Set to become a classic. Crammed with statistical nuggets and common sense, his book should be compulsory reading." --*The Economist* "If Sachs seems too saintly and Easterly too cynical, then Collier is the authentic old Africa hand: he knows the terrain and has a keen ear.... If you've ever found yourself on one side or the other of those arguments--and who hasn't?--then you simply must read this book." --*Niall Ferguson, The New York Times Book Review* "Rich in both analysis and recommendations... . Read this book. You will learn much you do not know. It will also change the

way you look at the tragedy of persistent poverty in a world of plenty." --*Financial Times*

The Billion Dollar Spy Apr 28 2020

WATERSTONES
NON-FICTION
BOOK OF THE
MONTH AUGUST
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BESTSELLER 'An astonishingly detailed picture of espionage in the 1980s, written with pacey journalistic verve and an eerily contemporary feel.' Ben Macintyre, *The Times* 'A gripping story of courage, professionalism, and betrayal in the secret world.' Rodric Braithwaite, *British Ambassador in Moscow, 1988-1992* 'One of the best spy stories to come out of the

Cold War and all the more riveting for being true.’ Washington Post January, 1977. While the chief of the CIA’s Moscow station fills his gas tank, a stranger drops a note into the car. In the years that followed, that stranger, Adolf Tolkachev, became one of the West’s most valuable spies. At enormous risk Tolkachev and his handlers conducted clandestine meetings across Moscow, using spy cameras, props, and private codes to elude the KGB in its own backyard - until a shocking betrayal put them all at risk. Drawing on previously classified CIA documents and interviews with first-hand

participants, *The Billion Dollar Spy* is a brilliant feat of reporting and a riveting true story from the final years of the Cold War.

Billion-Dollar Fish Oct 23 2019 Alaska pollock is everywhere. If you’re eating fish but you don’t know what kind it is, it’s almost certainly pollock. Prized for its generic fish taste, pollock masquerades as crab meat in california rolls and seafood salads, and it feeds millions as fish sticks in school cafeterias and Filet-O-Fish sandwiches at McDonald’s. That ubiquity has made pollock the most lucrative fish harvest in America—the fishery in the United States alone

has an annual value of over one billion dollars. But even as the money rolls in, pollock is in trouble: in the last few years, the pollock population has declined by more than half, and some scientists are predicting the fishery’s eventual collapse. In *Billion-Dollar Fish*, Kevin M. Bailey combines his years of firsthand pollock research with a remarkable talent for storytelling to offer the first natural history of Alaska pollock. Crucial to understanding the pollock fishery, he shows, is recognizing what aspects of its natural history make pollock so very desirable to fish, while at the

same time making it resilient, yet highly vulnerable to overfishing. Bailey delves into the science, politics, and economics surrounding Alaska pollock in the Bering Sea, detailing the development of the fishery, the various political machinations that have led to its current management, and, perhaps most important, its impending demise. He approaches his subject from multiple angles, bringing in the perspectives of fishermen, politicians, environmentalists, and biologists, and drawing on revealing interviews with players who range

from Greenpeace activists to fishing industry lawyers. Seamlessly weaving the biology and ecology of pollock with the history and politics of the fishery, as well as Bailey's own often raucous tales about life at sea, *Billion-Dollar Fish* is a book for every person interested in the troubled relationship between fish and humans, from the depths of the sea to the dinner plate. *Ten Billion* Dec 17 2021 Earth is home to millions of species. Yet just one dominates it. Us. Our cleverness, inventiveness, and activities have modified almost every part of our planet, impacting it profoundly. Indeed, our cleverness,

inventiveness, and activities are now the drivers of every global problem we face. And every one of these problems is accelerating as we continue to grow towards a global population of ten billion. This is not a political issue. Or a cultural issue. It's not about saving whales or rainforests or polar bears. This is an emergency. Written not by an environmentalist but by a world-leading computer scientist, and preaching not to the choir but to everyone with a stake in the future, *Ten Billion* is devastatingly easy to understand. Stephen Emmott looks at the shocking impact our species has had

on the planet and focuses on the near future, as our population approaches the point where using everything from energy, food, and water slams into the limits imposed by reality. Addressing the implications for our everyday lives and the possible solutions we may not take comfort in, Ten Billion is a truly shocking assessment of our species' prospects. 300 Billion to One Jul 12 2021 *China's Urban Billion* May 10 2021 By 2030, China's cities will be home to 1 billion people - one in every eight people on earth. What kind of lives will China's urban billion lead? And

what will China's cities be like? Over the past thirty years, China's urban population expanded by 500 million people, and is on track to swell by a further 300 million by 2030. Hundreds of millions of these new urban residents are rural migrants, who lead second-class lives without access to urban benefits. Even those lucky citizens who live in modern tower blocks must put up with clogged roads, polluted skies and cityscapes of unremitting ugliness. The rapid expansion of urban China is astonishing, but new policies are urgently needed to create healthier cities. Combining

on-the-ground reportage and up-to-date research, this pivotal book explains why China has failed to reap many of the economic and social benefits of urbanization, and suggests how these problems can be resolved. If its leaders get urbanization right, China will surpass the United States and cement its position as the world's largest economy. But if they get it wrong, China could spend the next twenty years languishing in middle-income torpor, its cities pockmarked by giant slums. The Boy in 7 Billion Apr 09 2021 Deryn Blackwell is a walking, talking miracle. At the age

of 10, he was diagnosed with Leukaemia. Then 18 months later he developed another rare form of cancer called Langerhan's cell syndrome. Only

five other people in the world have it, he is the youngest of them all and the only person in the world known to be fighting it alongside another cancer, making him one in

seven billion. This is the true story of the extraordinary lengths that a mother went to, to help her dying son. Mustang: the Story
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